

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PASCO AND PINELLAS COUNTIES, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2018-004 PA/PI-CIR

**RE: TEMPORARY GENERAL MAGISTRATE AND
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT HEARING OFFICER**

The Chief Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit entered Administrative Order Nos. 2012-009, 2013-007, and 2015-040, appointing general magistrates and child support enforcement hearing officers to serve the courts. In order to assist during the absence of other general magistrates and child support enforcement hearing officers, and

In accordance with Article V, section 2, Florida Constitution, Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, and section 43.26, Florida Statutes, it is

ORDERED:

1. Joe D. Lovelace is hereby appointed as a temporary General Magistrate for the Sixth Judicial Circuit, in and for Pasco and Pinellas Counties, Florida, under Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.490, Fla. Prob. R. 5.697, Fla. R. Juv. P. 8.257 and 8.625(h), Fla. Fam. L. R. P. 12.490, section 394.467, Fla. Stat., section 397.681, Fla. Stat., section 744.369(2), Fla. Stat., and any other statutory or rule provision authorizing the appointment of a general magistrate or a general master. He is also hereby appointed as a temporary Child Support Enforcement Hearing Officer pursuant to Fla. Fam. L. R. P. 12.491 for the Sixth Judicial Circuit, in and for Pasco and Pinellas Counties, Florida:

2. As general magistrate, Joe D. Lovelace must:

- a. Take the oath of office required of officers by the Constitution of the State of Florida, and the oath will be properly recorded in the Official Records of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Pinellas County, Florida with this administrative order. The persons listed above who have previously executed an oath as a general master, or general magistrate, which oath was recorded with a previous Administrative Order, are not required to submit an additional oath.
- b. Perform duties in accordance with Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.490, Fla. Prob. R. 5.697, Fla. R. Juv. P. 8.257 and 8.625(h), Fla. Fam. L. R. P. 12.490, section 394.467, Fla. Stat., section 397.681, Fla. Stat., section 744.369(2), Fla. Stat., and any other statutory or rule provision authorizing the appointment of a general magistrate or general master, including the applicable Rules of Court and the Code of Judicial Conduct, and as provided herein.
- c. Be a member in good standing of The Florida Bar.
- d. Serve at the pleasure of the Chief Judge.
- e. Serve without posting a bond.

3. Fla. Fam. L. R. P. 12.491 continues to be invoked and child support enforcement hearing officers will continue in use in the Sixth Judicial Circuit.

4. As a child support enforcement hearing officer, Joe D. Lovelace must:
 - a. Perform duties in accordance with Rule 12.491, any other applicable Rule of Court and the Code of Judicial Conduct, statutes, and as provided herein.
 - b. Consider Title IV-D and non-Title IV-D proceedings subject to funding requirements.
 - c. Be a member in good standing of The Florida Bar.
 - d. Serve at the pleasure of the Chief Judge and a majority of the circuit judges in the circuit.
 - e. Serve without posting a bond.

5. Joe D. Lovelace may take testimony and establish a record by electronic means. The record will be made, retained, and destroyed in accordance with Rule of Judicial Administration 2.430 and administrative orders governing court reporting in this circuit. If the recording is transcribed, either in whole or part, when necessary for an appeal or for further use in the trial court, the court employed or contract court reporters will be utilized for such transcribing unless otherwise provided in administrative orders governing court reporting in this circuit.

6. All actions taken before this date by the general magistrates and child support enforcement hearing officers named in this Order are hereby confirmed.

Effective February 16, 2018, this administrative order is rescinded.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, Florida, this _____ day of January, 2018.

ORIGINAL SIGNED ON JANUARY 31, 2018
BY ANTHONY RONDOLINO, CHIEF JUDGE

cc: All Judges
The Honorable Bernie McCabe, State Attorney
The Honorable Bob Dillinger, Public Defender
The Honorable Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pinellas County
The Honorable Paula S. O'Neil, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Pasco County
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Joe D. Lovelace, Esq.
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